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TAGS: OVIP (AMBASSADOR JACK B. KUBISCH)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL PLANS

PERSONAL FOR CHARGE FROM KUBISCH

1. AT AN INFORMAL PRIVATE MEETING ON THE HILL THIS MORNING I BRIEFED SELECTED CONGRESSMEN AT THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN GREECE. AMBASSADOR MACOMBER AND SEVERAL HIGH RANKING DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WERE ALSO PRESENT. AFTER DISCUSSIONS HERE AND BEFORE MY APPEARANCE IT WAS AGREED THAT I WOULD NOT EXPRESS ANY VIEW EITHER ADVOCATING OR OPPOSING THE CONTINUATION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. IF FOR ANY REASON YOU NEED TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT TO THE PRESS IN ATHENS (WHICH I VERY MUCH HOPE WILL NOT BE NECESSARY) YOU MAY DRAW ON THE ABOVE. I WOULD THINK YOU COULD SAY SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT I MET INFORMALLY AND PRIVATELY WITH SOME AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN TO DISCUSS RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN GREECE BUT EXPRESSED NO VIEW ON THE QUESTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY.

2. AS OF NOW I WILL REMAIN IN WASHINGTON THROUGH THE WEEKEND AND WILL BE TRAVELING WITH THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY TO BRUSSELS NEXT TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10. I EXPECT TO REMAIN IN BRUSSELS UNTIL THE END OF THE WEEK AND TO RETURN TO ATHENS

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ON FRIDAY, THE 13TH AT THE EARLIEST OR OVER THAT WEEKEND

AT THE LATEST. I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN IF MY
TRAVEL PLANS CHANGE FOR ANY REASON. KISSINGER

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